

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/EP2004/013067

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
IPC 7 A61K31/216 A61P31/12

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
IPC 7 A61K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	<p>WO 02/080956 A (DESREUMAUX, PIERRE; DHARANCY, SEBASTIEN; AUWERX, YOHAN) 17 October 2002 (2002-10-17) page 3, lines 15-18 page 6, lines 17-28 page 13, line 22 – page 14, line 2 page 37, lines 15-20 figures 2b,3,4,7 claims 9,10,12,17,20,21</p> <p>-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-/-</p>	1-9,11

Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

Patent family members are listed in annex.

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### Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  

Although claims 2,3,5, 6,9-11 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2.  Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3.  Claims Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

### Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple Inventions in this International application, as follows:

1.  As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2.  As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3.  As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4.  No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

#### Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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X	HIRANO FUMINORI ET AL: "Inhibition of TNF-alpha-induced RANTES expression in human hepatocyte-derived cells by fibrates, the hypolipidemic drugs." INTERNATIONAL IMMUNOPHARMACOLOGY. FEB 2003, vol. 3, no. 2, February 2003 (2003-02), pages 225-232, XP002320697 ISSN: 1567-5769 abstract page 226, column 1, paragraph 2 -----	1,2,4,5, 7,9,22
T	DHARANCY S BASTIEN ET AL: "Impaired expression of the peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor alpha during hepatitis C virus infection." GASTROENTEROLOGY. FEB 2005, vol. 128, no. 2, February 2005 (2005-02), pages 334-342, XP008044235 ISSN: 0016-5085 the whole document -----	1-20
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